

Legislative Liaison for the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. After serving in this capacity for over a year, General Rand has been selected to become the Special Assistant to the Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force. I am honored to commend General Rand for his many years of service to the United States Air Force.

A 1979 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, General Rand distinguished himself early on as an exceptional pilot. First tapped to be an Instructor Pilot and Flight Examiner, he went on to serve as an F-16 Weapons Officer and later served as the Commander of the 36th Fighter Squadron at Osan Air Force Base in the Republic of Korea.

After attending the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, General Rand took an assignment as a policy planner in the Directorate for Strategic Plans and Policy on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon. He then returned to the Republic of Korea, taking command of the 8th Fighter Wing, "The Wolfpack", at Kunsan Air Base with follow-on wing command tours at the 56th Fighter Wing at Luke Air Force Base and the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing at Balad Air Base in Iraq. Based on his experiences in Iraq, General Rand was chosen to be the Principal Director for Middle East Policy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon. In his most recent assignment as Director of Legislative Liaison, General Rand has been a steadfast advocate of the mission of the Air Force and of the 689,000 Total Force Airmen and their families.

Madam Speaker, Major General Robin "Baba" Rand has served his country well, and he will no doubt continue to do so. I wish General Rand; his wife, Kim; and their children, Brooke and Bryson; the best of luck in the days to come.

CONGRATULATING CHARLES J. GRAZIANO ON BEING NAMED PERSON OF THE YEAR BY THE ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LUZERNE COUNTY

### HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Charles J. Graziano on being honored as this year's "Person of the Year" by the Italian American Association of Luzerne County.

The Italian American Association of Luzerne County will hold its 33rd annual Columbus Day Dinner Dance in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania on October 10, 2010.

The Association currently has over 200 members.

Each year, the Italian American Association of Luzerne County recognizes an individual who has shown distinguished service to the organization and the community as its "Person of the Year."

This award honors an individual who has displayed dedication and leadership in the Association. It also recognizes an individual who has volunteered their time throughout the community, and an individual who over the past year has promoted Italian American culture, preserved Italian American traditions, and worked to instill family values.

This year's recipient is Charles J. Graziano of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Graziano was born in Pittston on September 6, 1950. He is the son of Joseph and Mary Leo Graziano.

Mr. Graziano graduated from Pittston Area High School in 1968 before attending Wilkes College where he studied Commerce and Finance.

After graduation from Wilkes College in 1972, Mr. Graziano attended The American Academy and McAllister Institute of Funeral Service in New York City. He graduated from the Academy in 1973.

For the past 37 years, Mr. Graziano has worked as Funeral Director at the Graziano Funeral Home in Pittston Township. He is the third generation of the Graziano family to operate the funeral service over the past 110 years.

A lifelong resident of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Mr. Graziano is a member at St. Rocco's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Graziano currently resides in Pittston with his wife, Mary Lou. They have two children, Joseph and Silvana.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Charles Graziano on this auspicious occasion. His lifelong commitment to the Northeastern Pennsylvania community illustrates he is most deserving of this achievement.

### RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF MR. SAM WOLF

### HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the distinguished career and significant regional contributions of Mr. Sam Wolf.

Sam Wolf, a resident of Granite City, Illinois, served 18 years in the Illinois House of Representatives from 1974 until he retired in 1992. Among his more notable accomplishments during his time in the General Assembly was legislation establishing community college voting sub-districts. This was important to ensure equitable representation of the different geographic areas covered by a community college district.

Sam Wolf has been a strong proponent of Southwestern Illinois College and was a driving force in the establishment of the college's Granite City Campus in 1984. Sam worked to secure funding for the Industrial Technology Center at the Granite City Campus and the development of the Automotive Collision Repair Technology program there. Sam has been a member of the Southwestern Illinois College Board of Trustees since October 1995.

In recognition of Sam's tireless efforts to expand and improve Southwestern Illinois College, the Granite City Campus is named the Sam Wolf Granite City Campus. This is a fitting tribute for a man who has done so much to provide quality educational opportunities for current and future generations.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in an expression of appreciation to Mr. Sam Wolf for his many contributions to the Southwestern Illinois region and to wish him the very best in the future.

### TRIBUTE TO CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT STEVEN J. PERRAULT

### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual from the 44th Congressional District of California who has dedicated his life to defending the people of this country and preserving the basic freedoms and liberties that we hold dear. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Chief Master Sergeant Steven J. Perrault for his 23-plus years of dedicated service in the United States Air Force.

Chief Perrault enlisted in the Air Force on January 15, 1988, as an Administrative Specialist assigned to Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts. He served for two years in this role prior to transitioning to Vehicle Operations. After three years, Chief Perrault then moved to his first duty station and worked as a recruiter at Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts.

During his career, Chief Perrault was assigned as a Line Recruiter, which is primarily responsible for new enlistees, and an in-service recruiter which helps Regular Air Force members transfer into the Reserve Component. Due to his knowledge and skills he was selected for a Headquarters assignment helping oversee both the Operations and Training Branches of Recruiting Service at Robins Air Force Base, Georgia in 2000. Chief Perrault took on the tough assignment as a Senior Recruiter and was responsible for a new operating location in Denver, Colorado that managed all in-service recruiters assigned to the Midwest portion of the United States. In August 2005, after laying the ground work for success in Denver, Chief Perrault was assigned to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio as a Senior Recruiter.

In August 2007, he was chosen as the Superintendent for the Western Recruiting Squadron. Since that time, Chief Perrault has been instrumental in meeting their annual recruiting goals for the ninth straight year. During his career, Chief Perrault has been directly responsible for helping to recruit more than 8,500 airmen into the Air Force Reserve and has contributed to the continued success of the Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service.

Most recently, Chief Perrault has served as Superintendent, Western Recruiting Squadron, March Air Reserve Base, California, Air Force Reserve Command. In this role, he has been responsible for coaching and mentoring the 96 enlisted personnel assigned to the squadron as well as ensuring congressionally mandated end-strength manning for reserve units across 17 states, one U.S. territory, and in three countries.

Chief Perrault could not have been such a tremendous leader without the love and unfailing support of his wife Senior Master Sergeant (retired) Cheryl Perrault and their four children: Technical Sergeant Cassandra Casul, Senior Airman Shane Perrault, Kyle Perrault, and Ms. Ashlie Wendt. Helping to build his foundation for success early in life were his father Robert Perrault, his step-mother Carol; his mother Karen Gardiner and his step-father Sergeant Major (retired) Dennis Gardiner.